

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FROM MONDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2008**

**MUNCIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2**

Meeting is called to order at 7:40pm

Roll Call was taken

Sherry Cilea – Present

Suzi Leifer –Not Present

Debi Richards –Present

Nanci Susino – Present

Tara Vitale - Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Randi Marder – Council person –Present

Ron Dollman – CME Associates – Present

Opening statement is read by Jeff Weiss, chairperson.

As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Marlboro Shade Tree Committee, I hereby declare that the notice requirements in accordance with the provisions of the open meeting law chapter 21, P.L. 1995 has been provided in accordance with the annual notice procedures of C 10.428 of said Act. I further order that this public announcement be place in the minutes of this meeting.

### **Open items from October 27, 08 meeting**

- **Grant information** – The five year forestry plan has been submitted and is pending approval from the Shade Tree Federation.
- **Dog Park** – One proposal has been obtained for landscaping the dog park. The Township requires three proposals. Two more are needed and being worked on obtaining. The owner of Artisan Studios in Marlboro has agreed to submit free of charge for our review, signage for the dog park.
- **Arbor Day 2009** – An Arbor Day subcommittee was formed to organize and plan an event for this day. Sherry Cilea will chair the committee. Committee member include Nanci Susino, Debi Richards and Tara Vitale.
- **Shade Tree Logo** – Artisan Studio in Marlboro has agreed free of charge to help the committee develop a logo.
- **Chapter 32 Discussion** – Ron Dollman informed the committee that the tree removal portion of the ordinance continues to be on hold due to a court case in Jackson regarding tree removal.
- **Tree Management Plan** – Ron Dollman completed and submitted the plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Shari Spero, CME Associates, is working on the grant application for The Community Stewardship Incentive Program.
- Ron Dollman discussed other grants that may be available to try to obtain. The committee will continue research on availability of such grants.
- The committee needs three more members. Randi Marder will inform Mayor Hornik.
- The committee discussed the benefits of becoming a commission with council person, Randi Marder.
- Sherry Cilea deposited \$35.00 into the Shade Tree Account raised at Marlboro Day for the landscaping of the dog park.
- Jeff Weiss provided all committee members, Randi Marder and Ron Dollman with a document highlighting the accomplishments of the Marlboro Shade Tree Committee from January 2008 to October 2008.
- The committee agreed on the meeting dates for 2009. January 5<sup>th</sup> will be the first meeting for 2009. All meetings thereafter will be the first Monday of every month. Nanci Susino made the motion, Sherry Cilea seconded the motion, and all members were in favor. Sherry Cilea will contact Channel 77 with the meeting dates.

**The next meeting will be on January 5, 2009 at 7:30 pm in Room 2**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.